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SUBJECT: EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE

- 1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR MIDDLE EAST ROUILLON TOLD EMBOFF DECEMBER 31 THAT ONE HIGHPOINT OF FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER'S DECEMBER 20-23 VISIT TO CAIRO HAD BEEN CORDIAL CONVERSATION WITH ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARY GENERAL MAHMOUD RIAD. RIAD WAS VERY POSITIVE AND SANGUINE ABOUT FUTURE OF EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT DIALOGUE WAS NOW STALLED BY DISAGREEMENT REGARDING PARTICIPATION OF PLO, BUT CLAIMED THAT THIS WAS MINOR PROBLEM. ROUILLON INDICATED THAT RIAD HAD NOT ALTERED ARAB INSISTENCE ON PLO PARTICIPATION BUT HAD SIMPLY SHOWN WILLINGNESS TO WAIT. ROUILLON INTERPRETED RIAD'S PATIENCE AS AN INDICATION OF THE IMPORTANCE ARAB LEAGUE ATTACHES TO EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE.
- 2. ROUILLON ALSO INDICATED THAT GOF HAS NOT MODIFIED CONFIDENTIAL

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ITS ENTHUSIASM FOR EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE AND CONTINUES

TO FAVOR PLO PARTICIPATION. HE CONCLUDED THAT EC-9
OFFICIAL DEALINGS WITH PLO WILL BE HELPFUL TO ISRAELI
GOVERNMENT BY MAKING IT EASIER FOR GOI TO BE IN DIRECT
CONTACT WITH PLO. RUSH UNQUOTE. KISSINGER

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